

Appl. No. 09/216,545

Amendment dated July 8, 2003

Amendment to the Specification**New Version of the Abstract:**

E² ~~A prefastened, pant-like, refastenable, disposable~~ An absorbent article ~~and methods of making the same~~ is disclosed. The ~~pant-like disposable absorbent~~ article includes an absorbent chassis and a pair of front and back panels. The absorbent chassis defines a pair of laterally opposed side edges ~~and a pair of longitudinally opposed waist edges~~. The opposed back panels are permanently attached to each of the side edges of the absorbent chassis in the back waist region of the ~~absorbent~~ article to provide a permanent joint. The opposed front panels are refastenably attached to each of the side edges of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region of the ~~absorbent~~ article to provide a refastenable joint. The front and back side panels are permanently connected together along a side seam to define a waist opening and a pair of leg openings in the ~~pant-like disposable absorbent~~ article. In use, the ~~pant-like, prefastened, refastenable, disposable absorbent~~ article can function in a similar manner to conventional training pants when in the prefastened configuration, or ~~they it~~ can be unfastened prior to or during use to function in a refastenable manner similar to conventional diapers.

New Version of lines 1-7 on page 22 of the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 18, 2002
(Appendix B- Clean Version of Summary of the Invention section):

NE openings and provide the pant-like, prefastened, refastenably disposable absorbent article. The absorbent article also includes a fastener located on each of the front panels which ~~are~~ is releasably engaged with the exterior surface of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region to provide the refastenably joint. The absorbent article finally includes a releasable bond located on each of the front panels which releasably bonds the front ~~panels~~ panel to the side edges edge of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region to assist in maintaining the pant-like, prefastened, disposable absorbent article in the prefastened condition.